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FAKE RESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE RACKET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been received by the Government regarding recruitment of soldiers in the army on the basis of fake residential certificates, particularly in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to probe the matter and ensure that anti-national elements may not infiltrate into the armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): In the Branch Recruiting Office, Siliguri, while carrying outa verification of documents, in the recent past it was found that approximately 25 candidates had submitted fake residential certificates and transfer certificates for recruitment in the Army. The matter was immediately reported along with all relevant documents to the civil authorities for necessary action against the culprits.

To ensure that anti-national elements do not infiltrate/enter into the Armed Forces all relevant documents including Ration Cards, Voter Identity Cards, Educational documents and Character Certificates etc. are thoroughly verified in consultation with the civil/concerned authorities. Such verification is conducted both at pre and post enrolment stages.